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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 for three (3) months from November 13, 2002 to February 13, 2003. Please charge the fee for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed in the event that the Amendment is not entered by the Examiner.